

Fluoride Levels in Drinking Water

Washington Aqueduct adds fluoride to the drinking water produced at the request of its three wholesale customers – DC Water, Arlington County, VA and the City of Falls Church, VA. Although EPA does not mandate the addition of fluoride in drinking water, health departments in both the District of Columbia and Virginia and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommend it.

On January 7, 2011 the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recommended that water utilities set a target fluoride level at 0.7 mg/l (parts per million) rather than the previously recommended range of 0.7 mg/l to 1.2 mg/l.

Washington Aqueduct's current treatment target for fluoride is 0.7 mg/l.

More information on the benefits of water fluoridation can be found on CDC's website at the following link: <http://www.cdc.gov/Fluoridation/>